

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. Cancelled.
2. Cancelled.
3. Cancelled.
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5. Cancelled.
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8. Cancelled.
9. Cancelled.

10. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to Claim 1~~ of recycling waste carpeting and forming a new carpet containing the recycled waste carpeting comprising:

(a) collecting waste carpeting containing calcium carbonate and thermoplastic materials;

(b) processing the waste carpeting to provide a first material from the waste carpeting containing a first filler including the calcium carbonate and the thermoplastic materials and reducing the first material to a predetermined size in a range of 50-100 to

95-325 wherein the first number represents the percentage of the first material which will pass through a mesh screen having a mesh size corresponding to the second number;

(c) adding the first material to a second material to provide a composite material useful in the manufacture of the new carpet; and

(d) making the new carpet containing the composite material;

wherein step (c) is practiced to produce a latex carpet backcoating and step (d) includes making new carpeting with the latex carpet backcoating.

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20. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to Claim 1~~ of recycling waste carpeting and forming a new carpet containing the recycled waste carpeting comprising:

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(b) processing the waste carpeting to provide a first material from the waste carpeting containing a first filler including the calcium carbonate and the thermoplastic materials and reducing the first material to a predetermined size in a range of 50-100 to 95-325 wherein the first number represents the percentage of the first material which will pass through a mesh screen having a mesh size corresponding to the second number;

(c) adding the first material to a second material to provide a composite material useful in the manufacture of the new carpet; and

(d) making the new carpet containing the composite material;

wherein step (c) is practiced to produce a carpet latex backcoating containing about 5-20% water, 20-40% latex and a second filler of up to 70% ~~0-70%~~ calcium carbonate wherein the second filler comprises a predetermined percentage of the composite material, and step (d) includes making a new latex-backed carpet containing the composite material.